

Burton Agnes Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting

at Burton Agnes School

Monday 25 September 2017

Those present were:

Parish Councillors

Mrs Sue Burt (Chair)
Mr Garry Burt (Treasurer)
Mrs Jean Boynton
Mrs Margaret Scrowston
Mr Clive Neale
Miss Jennifer Hobson (Clerk)

Guests

Councillor Paul Lisseter
Mr Keen
PCSO 7898 Andy Milner

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Jane Evison and Councillor Jonathan Owen.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of meeting held on 10 July 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by Mrs Burt.

The Chair then sought approval from the council to re-arrange the order of the agenda to allow the guests present to leave early if they so wished. This was agreed by all.

4. Blue Bell Car Park/Future Plans

The Chair introduced Mr Keen and invited him to speak about the recent issues arising at the Blue Bell establishment. Mr Keen reported that his two main concerns were the noise pollution which was occurring in the early hours at weekends and the brightness of the floodlights which were being used again mainly at weekends. These floodlights were so bright they were lighting up the homes opposite the pub even after midnight. He reported that football was being played after midnight and shouting/screaming had been heard at 2am and 3am some mornings caused by people using a hot tub.

Mr Keen also highlighted that it would be to the detriment of the village if the pub were to remain closed. Mr Keen asked for advice regarding the planning permissions currently in place and how any proposed changes that he'd heard about would be dealt with regarding planning. When the pub was open there was at least a set closing time so any noise stopped at that time. He expressed concern that if there were a change of use this could mean that people would be coming and going at all times of day and night.

The Chair confirmed that it was likely that when the current owners acquired the pub, the change of use which then occurred probably fell into the category of Permitted Development. However, it had been confirmed by planning that any change of use to a sport's centre, which had been suggested, would require planning permission. If this change of use would be likely to cause a nuisance to many residents then the more people who made their thoughts known, the better the chance of the Parish Council being able to justify a strong objection.

The Parish Council asked Mr Keen if he had been able to talk to the owner of the establishment but Mr Keen confirmed that he had been unable to track down an owner nor any contact details. Mr Neale suggested that Mr Keen continue to log all incidents as the more evidence that could be gathered the better any chance of making a complaint about current activities or lodging an objection to any future planning applications.

PCSO Milner confirmed that he and Mr Keen had previously conversed about the suspicious activity that had been reported to be taking place in the car park of the pub and PCSO Milner agreed to follow this up. PCSO Milner also agreed to try to establish who the owner was and report back. Any report of anti-social behaviour would be passed on to the anti-social behaviour team to deal with.

Councillor Lisseter suggested that current planning permissions in place at the establishment be looked into to see if any conditions to operating hours were being ignored. The Chair agreed to speak to planning about this.

PCSO Milner asked if there were any other issues which he could help with before he left. Mr Neale reported that there had been some vandalism at the Sports Club as well as a car charging around the playing field. PCSO Milner suggested that it may be worth investing in a CCTV system. He also agreed to give the matter some further thought.

Mr Neale added that the issue of cars parking on pavements still existed despite it being noted that it was perhaps less frequent now. PCSO Milner confirmed that he continued to monitor the situation.

The Chair reported that she had received an e-mail regarding the rubbish that had been left behind after travellers had been sited near to the railway line. PCSO Milner advised that this was a council issue rather than a police matter. The Chair confirmed that the council had been notified.

The Chair thanked PCSO Milner for attending and for his advice. PCSO Milner left the meeting at 7.20pm.

Before Mr Keen left the meeting, Mr Neale asked the Chair to bring up the subject of the Parish Councillor vacancy as Mr Keen was obviously someone with an interest in village matters and who was willing to take action. The Chair confirmed to Mr Keen that the Parish Council did indeed have two vacancies and asked Mr Keen if he would be interested. Mr Keen agreed to give it some thought stating that having been a Parish Councillor previously he had been disheartened at the lack of power that Parish Councils had available to them and had found this a challenge in the past.

Mr Keen thanked the Parish Council for their support and handed the Chair a hand written summary of the main issues raised which the Chair handed to the Clerk for the record. The Chair thanked Mr Keen for coming along and sharing his concerns. Mr Keen left the meeting at 7.25pm.

5. Defibrillator

The Chair confirmed that approval had been received for the Parish Council to site a defibrillator on the school railings. The Chair was to arrange a meeting with street lighting to establish if it would be possible to connect up the nearest street light in order to power the defibrillator. If this would be possible then the project looked likely to go ahead. The Chair would report back in due course and asked that the Clerk then look into obtaining some quotations for defibrillators.

6. Play Park

It was reported that the swings had been repaired and that the invoice for this had been received. It was agreed that the Treasurer go ahead and make the payment.

7. AD Traffic Complaint

It was reported that, following the last meeting, Mr Turner had sent two e-mails, one addressed solely to the Parish Council and the other including Mr Cunliffe-Lister as an addressee, expressing his dissatisfaction with the way in which the Parish Council had received him and dealt with his issue. The Chair noted that Mr Turner's issue was not within the scope of the Parish Council to resolve and that they had facilitated contact between Mr Turner and Burton Agnes Estates with whom responsibility for activities associated with the AD plant lie. The Parish Council noted Mr Turner's correspondence.

8. Councillor Vacancy

The Chair confirmed that as well as the prospect of Mr Keen possibly been interested, she also had another resident in mind that she would approach.

9. Planning Applications

Planning Application Ref: 17/01938/PAD - Display of non-illuminated double sided event sign at Land South East of 1 Rosedene Cottage, Main Street, Burton Agnes for Burton Agnes Hall Preservation Trust

The Chair confirmed that following the sign being moved, as agreed with Mr Cunliffe-Lister at the last meeting, the Parish Council had withdrawn their previous objection. The Parish Council had since been notified that the planning application for this had been withdrawn. The Chair speculated that this may be because now that there were no objections, permission was no longer required or maybe a new application detailing the new position would be received in due course.

Planning Application Ref: 17/02860/CM - Variation of Condition 22 (Hours of operation) to amend operating hours commencement from 07.30 hrs to 07.00 hrs at Clifford Watts Sand and Gravel, Gransmoor Lane, Kelk

The Parish Council agreed that an objection should be made to this application on the grounds of residential amenity. They understood the original condition had been imposed to protect residential amenity, and nothing had changed.

Planning Application Ref: 17/02862/CM - Variation of Condition 2 to allow for extraction of minerals to cease by 7 August 2030 and restoration of site to be completed by 7 August 2033 at Land South West of Turtle Hill Farm, Moor Lane, Gransmoor

There being no objections amongst the members, it was agreed that a no objection comment be submitted.

Planning Application Ref: 17/02802/PLF - Erection of an agricultural building for housing cattle at Centre Farm, Main Street, Thorneholme

There being no objections amongst the members, it was agreed that a no objection comment be submitted.

10. Cluster Meeting/Hire of Speed Indicator Devices

The Chair summarized that at the latest cluster meeting it was apparent that many local villages suffered with the same problems as Burton Agnes regarding speeding. Following this the Chair had identified that whilst cost of the hire of speed indicator devices for each individual village was too prohibitive, it may be an idea for a group of local villages to get together and hire the devices for a longer block of time and rotate them around. As a group it may be that an application could be made to the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund to help fund this. The Chair (via the Clerk) had put the idea forward to Burton Fleming, Rudston and Kilham. The Clerk confirmed that Burton Fleming were definitely interested but was still waiting to hear from Rudston and Kilham.

Councillor Lisseter advised that there was money available from the Police & Crime Commissioner for such schemes and agreed to forward on details of this to the Clerk. He also advised that if done as a group project it would have more impact.

Councillor Lisseter advised that there had been a new police engagement officer appointed by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside and would forward on her details.

Commenting on the cluster meetings, Councillor Lisseter confirmed that the ward councillors were hoping to meet soon to discuss progressing some of the issues raised at these meetings.

The Chair thanked Councillor Lisseter for attending and for his advice. Councillor Lisseter left the meeting at 8pm.

11. Code of Conduct Training

The Clerk read out an e-mail received regarding forthcoming Code of Conduct training sessions for Parish Councillors. The nearest one being at Driffield on Monday 30th October.

12. Heating Oil Club

The Clerk reported that she had received some flyers and details of a heating oil club which was operating in the area. It was agreed that the flyers would be distributed to the school and the local garage and details would be displayed on the village noticeboards as well as on the Parish Council website.

13. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the Parish Council's Current account stood at approximately £3700 in credit and the Reserve account balance was approximately £6250 in credit. The invoice for the Play Park repairs had been received and was due to be paid imminently, this was approx. £1250 but around £250 of that was VAT which would be reclaimed in due course.

The Treasurer reported that the Auditors had returned the Annual Return so the Notice of Conclusion would be displayed accordingly.

The Treasurer questioned Mr Neale regarding the state of the lawnmower which was in the pipeline for the Sports Club and for which the Parish Council had agreed to donate £500 towards. Mr Neale confirmed that the lawnmower in question was being repaired and he would hope it was ready for use by November. The Treasurer expressed his concern that it may well be the case that there would be deeper damage done within the engine which may be masked by the repairs but would inevitably mean that the lawnmower would fail. Based on this The Treasurer stated that he would be reluctant for the Parish Council to contribute towards a second hand lawnmower. The Chair suggested that Mr Neale considered applying to the Lissett Community Wind Farm Fund and look to purchase a new mower which would hopefully be much more reliable in the long run. Mr Neale agreed to report back in due course about the lawnmower currently being repaired and then would consider a way forward based on this. His main concern with the funding would be the 30% own funds.

14. Any Other Business

Mrs Scrowston reported that she had been asked by a local resident within Thornholme whether he was allowed to chop down a tree within his own garden without any permission from ERYC. The Clerk agreed to find out and report back to Mrs Scrowston.

15. Date of next meeting

11 December 2017 to be held at Burton Agnes School at 7.00pm

The meeting finished at 8.20pm.